

which has positioned thousands of katyusha rockets opposite Israel's northern border.

During our recently concluded campaign in Iraq, Syria aided the regime of Saddam Hussein, allowing arms and military equipment to be transported across the border into Iraq. When Baghdad fell, a number of high-ranking Iraqi officials from the defeated regime were sighted transiting through Syria and it is continuing to permit "volunteers" and others to enter Iraq for the purpose of attacking and killing Americans.

These actions are not those of an ally nor are they the work of a nation friendly to the United States. As we work toward a more stable and peaceful Middle East, we must be clear that nations that support terrorism will be held accountable. This legislation is clear in its intent and accomplishes just that.

I urge its full support and its immediate passage.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. STEPHEN  
TWITTY

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 30, 2003*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, who led the only infantry battalion—1,000 soldiers strong—in the initial attack on Baghdad, Iraq, this past April. His 15th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Battalion was fearless in the face of the heaviest fighting of the campaign and successfully completed their mission.

Lt. Col. Twitty witnessed casualties among his troops, and continued to lead his soldiers through the perils of suicide bombers, snipers, rocket-propelled grenades and a variety of other dangerous assaults. Later he had to keep his troops focused on their mission after the death of NBC reporter David Bloom, who was embedded with his regiment. He faced many potentially fatal situations by being on the frontline of American servicemen. As a result of his gallantry, he received the U.S. Army's third highest medal, the Silver Star, and is most likely on his way to becoming a colonel.

Lt. Col. Twitty is a native of Chesnee, SC, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, my alma mater, where he will serve as a grand marshal of this year's Homecoming Parade. He is in good company among the military ranks of SCSU graduates. The University currently has four alumni who are generals on active duty, one of whom was just named Commanding Officer of Fort Jackson.

Lt. Col. Twitty later received a master's in public administration from Central Michigan University. He has been stationed in both Belgium and Germany but now resides in Fort Stewart, GA.

This tour of duty isn't Lt. Col. Twitty's first time in combat. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, in which he was a member of the first infantry division to cross the Kuwait-Iraq border into enemy territory. He has also received decorations like the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star for his service to his nation in the most trying of situations. His interests in the military date back to his experiences in

South Carolina State's Reserve Officer Training Corps. He now has aspirations to attend the Army War College next year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty for his extraordinary dedication and his exemplary military service. He is an inspiration to the soldiers he commands and the next generation of soldiers to follow.

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 30, 2003*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, this year an estimated 40,000 mothers, sisters, daughters, friends and loved ones will die of breast cancer, and more than 210,000 new cases will be diagnosed. Throughout the month we have remembered those that have fallen victim to this disease, celebrated those who have survived it, raised awareness about the progress we've made, and called on scientists to aggressively continue the search for a cure.

Today, Democrats and Republicans, men and women alike are on the House floor to say—while we have made progress, further gains require a sustained commitment to expanding the national investment in cancer research, prevention, treatment, and outreach programs.

It is hard to believe, but when I was first appointed to the Appropriations Committee in 1991, the Federal government was spending just \$133 million on breast cancer each year. That investment has increased dramatically—to more than \$1.3 billion—between spending at the National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense.

This is remarkable, but all of the research in the world won't make a difference unless it is put into practice. That is why we must continue to invest in the Centers for Disease Control's Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program and better mammogram training and oversight to improve radiologists' ability to interpret mammograms.

We must also ramp-up efforts to find new and superior ways to detect breast cancer and study the relationship between breast cancer and the environment.

Mr. Speaker, I believe, while the government cannot cure cancer, it can put the resources in the hands of scientists who will. Together—along with advocates, survivors, scientists, and doctors—we can go the distance and stop this disease.

TITLE II—COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

SPEECH OF

**HON. DIANE E. WATSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003*

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, President Clinton gave me the privilege to represent the

American people as Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia. I have a deep respect for the Island nations, and I am pleased that we have passed the new compact legislation out of the House.

Although most of the contentious issues in the compact have been addressed, the funding allocated for education concerns me. The RMI and FSM children have only just begun to benefit from the establishment of an integrated education system. I am very pleased to know that authorization for educational programs is included in the bill.

In my former profession of teaching I have witnessed the impact of early structured education. Young students are much better equipped to enter the educational system when they are exposed to education at an early age. The educational appropriations that Chairman REGULA has offered to support is critical to keep effective programs in place.

I also strongly support those provisions in this compact that provide for continued Pell grant eligibility for the FAS. It will bolster the ability of the FAS to cultivate education. The elimination of Pell grant assistance would have decimated the college system in the FAS altogether. A large portion of the operating funds for the College of Micronesia are obtained through Pell grants.

One other important area that I would like to point out is the reinstatement of FEMA assistance. It has been placed back into the Compact for infrastructure purposes and major catastrophes. USAID is not equipped to deal with all of the problems that arise on small islands nor do they have the ready response to help in a timely fashion. As we move forward with our unique relationship with the FAS I hope the U.S. Congress will be supportive and receptive to the needs of our friends.

In conclusion, I urge my colleagues to understand the importance of the FAS. I support this bill and look to endorse the final product as the other body considers the Compact.

HONORING GEORGE S. POFOK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 30, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of George S. Pofok, upon the occasion of his retirement from Cleveland Public Power (CPP).

George Pofok has spent the last 30 years in service to the city of Cleveland. Mr. Pofok started his career as an electrical engineer, and rose to become company's commissioner.

During Mr. Pofok's tenure as the commissioner, from 1985–1995, he was able to initiate one of the most productive periods of growth for Cleveland's power. He helped build the customer base from 50,000 to 80,000, as well as increasing the company's revenue to \$130 million per year. These strategies have left a legacy of high growth for the company, and low costs to customers. Since 1985, customers of Cleveland Public Power have saved more than \$320 million.

Mr. Pofok leaves a great legacy, none more important than the continuation of the tradition and strengthening the exercise of public power in the city of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of George S. Pofok